

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
BEFORE THE HONORABLE DENA M. COGGINS

THOMAS LEE GLEASON, JR.,

No. 2:20-CV-00775-DC-CKD (PC)

Plaintiff,

v.

MINUTES

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS &
REHABILITATION, et. al.,

Date: May 6, 2025

Defendants.

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Courtroom Deputy: C. Schultz

Court Reporter: Maryann Valenoti

Counsel for Plaintiff: Calvin Massey

Counsel for Defendant J. Romary:

Alec Tyra

David Tyra

(Assisted by Paralegal May Marlowe)

Counsel for Witness Giselle Matteson: Karen Kiyo Lowhurst

JURY TRIAL (Day 2):

9:05 a.m. All parties present as noted above. Plaintiff, Thomas Gleason, Jr., present. Defendant, Jennifer Romary, present. Outside the presence of the Jury, the court and counsel further discussed the Motion *in Limine* filed at document number 114, and other matters related to trial. The court resolved the Motion *in Limine* as stated on the record.

9:15 a.m. Jury present. The court gave Preliminary Instructions to the Jury.

9:30 a.m. Mr. Massey presented Plaintiff's opening statements.

9:35 a.m. Mr. Alec Tyra presented Defendant's opening statements.

9:40 a.m. Plaintiff, Thomas Gleason, Jr., was sworn and testified on direct.

10:15 a.m. Mr. Alex Tyra began his cross examination.

10:30 a.m. Mr. Massey began his re-direct examination.

10:35 a.m. Mr. Alex Tyra began his re-cross examination.

10:37 a.m. Mr. Massey began his re-redirect examination.

10:40 a.m. Witness excused. The Jury was admonished and excused for a morning break. All parties excused for a morning break.

11:00 a.m. Court back in session. All parties present. Jury present. Plaintiff's witness, Giselle Matteson, was sworn and testified on direct.

11:15 a.m. Mr. David Tyra began his cross examination.

11:25 a.m. Mr. Massey began his re-direct examination.

11:30 a.m. Mr. David Tyra began his re-cross examination.

11:35 a.m. Witness excused. Plaintiff's witness, Michael Dunlop, was sworn and testified on direct.

12:00 p.m. Mr. Alec Tyra advised the court that the witness would also be called in the Defendant's case-in-chief and asked for leave of court to conduct both cross and direct examination. The court granted the request and Mr. Alec Tyra began his cross/direct examination.

12:15 p.m. Mr. Massey began his re-direct/cross examination.

12:20 p.m. Mr. Alec Tyra began his re-cross/re-direct examination.

12:20 p.m. Witness excused. The Jury was admonished and excused for an afternoon break. Outside the presence of the Jury, the court and counsel discussed matters related to trial.

12:25 p.m. All parties excused for an afternoon break.

12:40 p.m. Court back in session. All parties present. Jury present. Plaintiff rested. Defendant, Jennifer Schindler (formerly Jennifer Romary), was sworn and testified on direct. (Examination conducted by Mr. Alec Tyra)

12:55 p.m. Mr. Massey began his cross examination.

1:10 p.m. Mr. Alec Tyra began his redirect examination.

1:12 p.m. Mr. Massey began his re-cross examination.

1:32 p.m. Mr. Alec Tyra began his re-redirect examination.

1:33 p.m. Mr. Massey began his re-recross examination.

1:35 p.m. Witness excused. The court admonished and excused the Jury until 9:00 a.m. on May 7, 2025. Outside the presence of the Jury, the court and counsel discussed matters related to trial.

1:40 p.m. All parties excused for evening recess. Jury Trial (Day 3) set for May 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

ADMITTED EXHIBITS:

JX-1, JX-4, JX-5, JX-6, JX-7, JX-8, JX-9, JX-13, JX-14, JX-15

TIME IN COURT: 4 Hours